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Re: Advisory Opinion Request to the Board of Ethics

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting a written advisory opinion from the Board of Ethics upon the advice of Angela Newsom, Division Director of Campaign Finance. My name is Barrett Beasley and I am married to Stephen Beasley, district judge of Sabine Parish.

My question involves payment of an unusual expense my husband incurred at work. A recusal motion was filed against him in a case in his court based on an incorrect allegation that he had been texting one of the parties. He immediately made a request to the Louisiana Supreme Court to appoint a judge to preside over the recusal hearing, which will occur on October 7, 2021. But he also retained a lawyer to represent him at the hearing in order to elicit evidence about who had been sending the texts pretending to be the judge. This is essential in order to demonstrate that it was not him, and there was no violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

In the past I have been told by the Ethics Administration that a judge's campaign can pay for expenses that are for the holding of his or her office. Before the attorney fees are paid from his campaign fund, I wanted to make sure that it is legitimately considered an expense incurred from Steve holding office.

With kindest regards,

Barrett Beasley

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